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In re United States Patent Application of:)	Docket No.:	020884.000011
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Title:	METHOD FOR ASSESSING RISK OF AND PREDISPOSITION TO DEVELOPMENT OF A PATHOLOGY RELATED TO THE PRESENCE OF ANTI-EPCR AUTOANTIBODIES)	Customer No.:	24239

**RESPONSE TO THE MARCH 20, 2009 RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND REQUEST
FOR A ONE (1) MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 CFR §1.17(a)(1) IN U.S.
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Dear Sir:

This responds to the March 20, 2009 Restriction Requirement in the subject patent application.